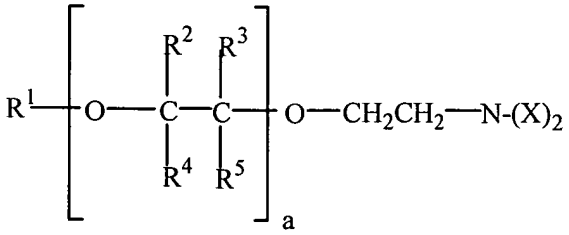
Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

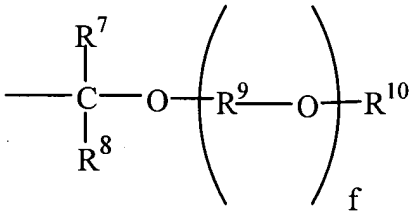
Claims 1 to 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling deposits formed in a combustion chamber of a direct injection gasoline engine, the method comprising using a gasoline composition which comprises gasoline and a nitrogen-containing compound represented by the formula



wherein R^1 is hydrogen, R^2, R^3, R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a C_1 - C_{16} hydrocarbon group and a group of the formula (2a) below, a is an integer from 26 to 30 and X is a group selected from Group B below,

said formula (2a) being



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wherein R^7 and R^8 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a C_1 - C_{10} hydrocarbon group and a C_2 - C_{10} alkoxyalkyl group, R^9 is a C_2 - C_6 alkylene group or a C_4 - C_{10} alkylene group having an alkoxyalkyl substituent, R^{10} is hydrogen or a C_1 – C_{30} hydrocarbon group, and f is an integer from 0 to 50;

said Group B being constituted by

(B1) hydrogen,

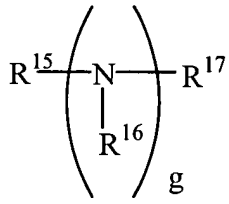
(B2) a C_1 - C_{30} hydrocarbon group,

(B3) an alkanol group represented by the formula

$$-R^{14}\text{- OH} \qquad (3a)$$

wherein R^{14} is a $C_1 - C_6$ alkylene group,

(B4) a nitrogen-containing group represented by the formula



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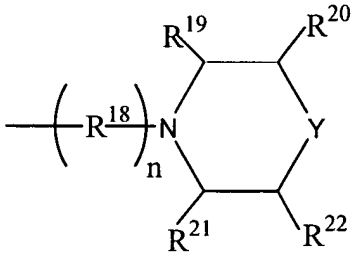
wherein R^{15} is a C_2 - C_6 alkylene group, R^{16} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group, and a group of the formula (3a), R^{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a $C_1 - C_{30}$ hydrocarbon group and a group of the formula (3a), and g is an integer from 1 to 5, and

(B5) a group represented by the formula



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wherein R^{18} is a $C_2 - C_6$ alkylene group, R^{19}, R^{20}, R^{21}, and R^{22} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a $C_1 - C_{10}$ hydrocarbon group and a hydroxyl group, Y is selected from the group consisting of a methylene group and a methylene group substituted by either a $C_1 - C_{10}$ hydrocarbon group, a hydroxyl group, an imino group, an imino group substituted by a C_1 - C_{10} hydrocarbon group or a hydroxy group, or oxygen, and h is equal to 0 or 1.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein the nitrogen-containing compound is contained in the gasoline composition in an amount of 0.001 to 10 mass percent, based on a total mass of the composition.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a $C_1 - C_{12}$ straight or branched alkyl group and a group represented by formula (2a) wherein R^7 and R^8 are each independently hydrogen or a C_1- C_3 alkyl group, R^{10} is a $C_1 - C_{12}$ alkyl group, and f is equal to 0.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein X is (B1) or (B3) and wherein (B3) is a group represented by formula (3a) in which R^{14} is a $C_2 - C_3$ alkylene group.

28. (Cancelled)